

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, November 18, 2004
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

PARTICIPANTS

DVBE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS

Allen Amaro, Larry Brooks, Gene Farnsworth, Don Gonneville, Michael Johnson, Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Michael O'Connor, John Rak, James Stanfield, Francis Trottier, Timothy Voors, Robert Yaap

CDVA

Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Ralph Cansimbe, HQ Operations Manager, Veterans Services Division
Stewart Mackenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division
Joy Rowan, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division
Rochelle Rios, Minute Taker, Veterans Services Division

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES (DGS)

Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Gloria Anderson, Patricia Connors, Lori Okamoto

DVBE ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT

Alison Boyle, Jerry Caton, Ken Jackson, Rondia Moss, Kevin O'Connor,
John Robbins, Larry Turner, A.J. Wilson

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS **10:02 a.m.**

Pledge of Allegiance

Council members and guests introduced themselves.

Don added that Robert Brown is replacing Mike Johnson and Frank Whitten is replacing Rondia Moss.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

September 16, 2004 approved unanimously.

CDVA will resume responsibility for meeting minutes.

Rochelle Rios is the new minute taker.

BUSINESS ITEMS

State Agency Service Awards

Presenter: Joan Rabang, Franchise Tax Board (FTB)

FTB received the gold at the State Agency Service Awards. Both Jack Kirwan and James Stanfield served on the panel.

FTB has surpassed the goals for DVBE and small businesses by partnering businesses and introducing the "Big Deal Letter".

Joan shared the FTB's best practices for meeting participation rates.

Minutes Format

Jack and Don announced the new minutes will be notes and no longer verbatim.
CDVA will continue to record minutes.

DGS: NEW LEGISLATION, SB REGULATIONS & CPR IMPACT ON SB/DVBE's 10:52 a.m.

Presenter: Mariel Dennis

Small business regulations have been an accomplishment.
Preparing a regulations draft for DVBE and have similar revisions to small business regulations.

AB 323 effective January 1, 2005.
AB 79 collecting reports effective September 9, 2004.
GG 20 – Self-Certification is making progress.
GG 21 – New regulations have accomplished to allow government certification equivalent to eligibility requirements.

Jack Kirwan suggests to take a motion on changing the by-laws.
At the next meeting, we will add by-laws on the agenda.
Don and Jack agreed that these by-laws will be ready for the next meeting in January 2005.
Stewart Mackenzie emailed the Operational Guidelines to Council members for review.

DGS: NEW LEGISLATION, SB REGULATIONS & CPR IMPACT ON SB/DVBE's (CONT'D)

Mariel Dennis discussed CPR recommendations.

SO 65 – No action at this time on that recommendation.
SO 68 – Included the elimination of preference and goals program.
SO 66 – Report to eliminate duplicates.

CPR ISSUES

Presenter: Don Gonneville

Don concluded that CPR issues be reviewed and handled by CDVA.
Discussion regarding increased percentage for DVBE's.
Discussion of Good Faith Effort.

A 45-minute lunch break and resumed the meeting at 12:57 p.m.

PLANNING SESSION

Don reviewed the 2005 calendar year for meeting every third Thursday starting in January.
New sub-committees' meetings for 2005 will be assembled as:

Floyd Knox, Chair, State Agency
Bob Yaap, Chair, Legislation
Bob Mulz, Chair, Procurement
Gene Farnsworth, Chair, Outreach.

The sub-committees will meet prior to the Advisory Council at 8:30 a.m. til 10:00 a.m.

The Secretary of CDVA, Tom Johnson made positive comments as to how DVBE meetings are moving forward in improving. He also added that the council and veteran community needs to bring their voice to legislation.

Don commended Mr. Johnson's efforts to the Council's meetings in keeping everyone informed on legislation and their roles. Don concluded that he would encourage members to decide if they want to stay in the Council or resign.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

COUNCIL FORUM: MEMBER ISSUES AND REPORTS

Lori Okamoto and Patricia Connors

Distributed email inviting DVBE's to participate in January 26, 2005 Veteran Business Outreach Center's DVBE Expo.

Distributed flyer for Regional Transit's Primes and Subcontractors Conference 2005, also on January 26, 2005.

Next meeting January 20, 2005.

ADJOURNMENT 2:12 p.m.

Motion to adjourn – Don Gonneville

Second –

Motion passed – unanimously.